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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4555

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF DETAINED AMCPT MISSIONARIES

REF (A) MAPUTO 478; (B) MAPUTO 468

1. JAIL DIRECTOR SALU CAME TO EMBASSY TO REPORT THAT MILAM AND FRIBERG WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE JAIL TO THE AIRPORT AT 1500 HOURS LOCAL. AMBASSADOR ASKED EITHER TO ACCOMPANY DETAINEES TO AIRPORT OR TO MEET THEM THERE; SALU SUGGESTED AMBASSADOR MEET THEM AT AIRPORT. AMBASSADOR AND DCM WILL BE AT AIRPORT TO SEE MISSIONARIES OFF.

2. SALU TOLD AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF THAT CASE OF ARMAND DOLL WAS STILL "UNDER STUDY," AND THAT HE WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE RELEASED TODAY. TO AMBASSADOR'S QUERY ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF EMBASSY PURSUING MATTER WITH POLICE OFFICIALS TO EMPHASIZE THAT EMBASSY ALREADY HAD TICKET FOR DOLL AND WOULD EXPEDIT MATTERS IF DOLL COULD BE RELEASED, SALU SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADOR CONTACT POLICE AGENT JORGE COSTA. EMBASSY TREID TO MAKE APPOINTMENT FOR AMBASSADOR WITH COSTA, BUT WAS TOLD COSTA WAS OUT AND WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENT. WE WERE ALSO TOLD THAT IF AMBASSADOR WANTED TALK TO COSTA HE WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT DOLL WOULD BE VERY DISAPPOINTED HE WILL NOT BE RELEASED TODAY, AND ASKED SALU IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE

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FOR AMBASSADOR BREAK BAD NEWS TO DOLL. SALU, WHO GAVE IMPRESSION

OF WANTING TO BE HELPFUL, SAID HE WOULD SPEAK TO OFFICIALS
IN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND LET US KNOWM MEETING EARLIER THIS
MORNING WITH DOLL WAS A FLUKE, SINCE DOLL WAS IN CORRIDOR OUT-
SIDE OFFICE OF PRISON DIRECTOR WHEN AMBASSADOR AND OVERLY ARRIVED
TO DELIVER PPTS AND TICKETS. IF WE CAN ARRANGE TO SEE DOLL
FOR SECOND TIME, WE MAY BE ABLE (IN EYES SALU AT LEAST) ESTABLISH
PRECEDENT OF ACCESS TO DOLL.
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